

Dr. BENTLEY's

DEDICATION
OF
THE
HORACE,

TRANSLATED.

To which is added,
A POEM in *Latin* and *English*,
inscribed to the Right Honourable
the Lord *HALLIFAX*, writ-
ten by the Reverend Dr. Bentley.

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THE
EDITOR
TO THE
READER.

THE Design of Publishing this Translation, is to shew the Elegancies of *Dr. Bentley's* Style, and his manner of expressing himself, both in Prose and Verse, to Persons of the greatest Quality, under all the Variety of his Fortunes, when he is obliged to chuse a Patron.

There are several other excellent Translations, which shall in Time be Published instead of various Lections.

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Halifaxiæ Baronem.

CAROLE, si tibi adhuc Collegi cura vetustis;
Quod tamen assidue nascitur, usque novum;
Si placuit nostro nitidus jam pumice Flaccus;
Quodque sibi vates dixerat, usque recens;
Gratia si veteris tibi pollore vivit amicæ
Unam fer multis officiosus opem.
Sume, precor, citharam nimium nimiumque tacentem;
Verbaque cum plectro fortia junge gravi:
Effer, age, Heroem, Atlantique insere Olympo:
Dircausque iterum nubila tranet olor.
Nos etenim viles, corvi picaque, poltra
Vix pennas madida (turpe) levamus humo.

R. I. BENTLEY, S. T. P. Coll. Sanct.
Trin. Magister.

O CHARLES, if your old College still you love,
Which for all that still daily new doth prove;
If Horace brush'd up by us still pleaseth you,
And is, as he once told himself, still new;
If your old Friends you han't quite turn'd adrift,
Help us, ah! help us, now at this dead list:
Thy too too silent Lyre ah prithee take,
And with grave Airs strong Lamentations makes
Raise quick the Hero, stick him in the Sky,
And let the Theban Swan again soar high:
For we're vile Poets, and, the more's the Pity,
Whate'er we sing is Crows and Magpies Ditty;
Cawing and Chattering on wet Ground we lye,
And for our Bloods an Inch we cannot fly.

NOBILISSIMO ET PRAESTANTISSIMO

VIRO

ROBERTO HARLEIO,

BARONI DE WIGMORE,

COMITI OXONII,

ET

COMITI MORTIMERO,

MAGNAE BRITANNIAE

THESAURARIO,

RICHARDUS BENTLEIUS.



*Horatius Flaccus, VIR NOBILIS-
SIME, Lyricorum Latinorum olim
summus, hodie solus; cum jam diu
apud me non illiberali hospitio ac-
ceptus esset, ac tandem domo emi-
grare velle videretur; interrogatus*

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Most Noble and Most Excellent

ROBERT HARLEY,

Baron of *Wigmore*, Earl of *Oxford*,
and Earl *Mortimer*, Lord High
Treasurer of *Great Britain*,

RICHARD BENTLEY

(Sendeth Greeting.)



Quintus Horatius Flaccus, MOST
NOBLE LORD, formerly the
greatest, now the only *Latin* Ly-
rick Poet that remains, after ha-
ving been kindly entertain'd by
me for many Years, at last seem'd
willing to get Abroad: Whereupon I asking whi-
ther he was inclin'd to go, and under what Pa-
tron's Roof he design'd to shelter himself; he rea-
dily answer'd, That how mean soever his Pedigree
was, he had had the good Fortune formerly to

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nere natum Primoribus civitatis olim placuisse, majoresque nido pennas extendentem, praeter Polliones, Messallas, alios, opibus honoribus studiisque praecellentes, etiam CILNIUM MAECENATEM (clarissimum in omne aevum carissimumque Nomen) sic consuetudine sua sibi devinxisse, ut Convictor ei & Sodalis appellari meruerit: Huic hodie si aut similis aut secundus quispiam commonstrari sibi possit; nihil prius se habiturum, quam ut illuc continuo advolet: Se quidem, ut ad domum quondam Palatinam ipsius literis Caesaris accitum sine ejus offensione recusasse, ita nunc ad AUGUSTA Penetralia verecundari accedere: Ceterum cum magnis vixisse solitum non posse jam curata tam bene cuncte senioque sibi absterfo humilia sectari; sed, ut his forte temporibus (quamquam o!) Maecenati parem aliquem sperare vix liceat, infra Polliones saltem nolle descendere. Miratus equidem sum tam elegantem tamque paucorum hominum, atque necdum post tot elapsa saecula quasitae olim meritis superbiae immemorem. Vultuque ego jam tum optata pollicente, Quin bono animo es, inquam, teque illi ipsi HARLEIO, quem jamdudum voto fingere atque ambire mihi videris, tradam & commendabo; illud prius & mea & publica voce dixisse ausus, Te omnia quae vel in Maecenate tuo tantopere praec-

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please the Chief Men of the City ; That when his Wings grew too large for his Nest, he not only gain'd upon the Affections of the POLLIO's, MESSALA's, and others of the greatest Riches, Honours and Learning ; but likewise on those of CIENIUS MÆCENAS, (a Name that will be most dear and famous in all Ages) so that he was deservedly called his *Guest and Companion* : That if any Person equal, or second to this Great Man, could be shewn him, he would immediately fly to his Patronage ; That as he had formerly refus'd, without Offence, to come to the Palace of AUGUSTUS, notwithstanding he was invited by CÆSAR's own Letter, so he was now ashamed to appear at Court ; but having been used to live with the Great, he could not think of coming into worse Company, now he look'd so sleek and plump ; but was resolv'd at least not to Converse with less Men than your POLLIO's, if in these times one could not hope to meet with such another as MÆCENAS. I was ravish'd with so polite and uncommon a Personage, and who was not unmindful of the Glory acquir'd by his former Merits. I already promising by my Looks, what he wish'd for, said, Take good Heart, and I will deliver and recommend you to that same HARLEY, with whom it has long been the Height of your Wishes and Ambition to be acquainted : And I will venture to say, in my own Name, and that of the Publick, that you shall find in him every thing that you so much admir'd, even in your MÆCENAS, or what is equal and more

praedicasti, aut paria apud Hunc Nostrum aut
 potiora reperturum. Nam ut externa illa pri-
 mum memorem, Genus dico & Imagines; sci-
 mus Hunc, pariter atque Illum Tuum, Eque-
 stri quidem loco ortum, Gente vero in primis
 splendida ac vetusta; quae & Atavos quoque
 Reges primordiis suis attingat; quae a multis
 retro saeculis saepe domi forisque magnis legio-
 nibus imperitarit; quae nusquam penitus inter-
 missa per tot aetates claritudine non modo nobi-
 lissimas quasque Regionum harum Familias cog-
 natione sibi junxerit; sed & Galliae quoque,
 parte sedem solumque mutante, HARLAEOS
 dederit proceres, tam Sagi illic quam Togae mu-
 neribus jam inde semper illustres. Ille quidem
 Tuus, intra fortunam suam & in Equestri Or-
 dine substituisse contentus, majora consequi vel ne-
 quit vel non concupivit: Hunc Nostrum, ab-
 nuentem quidem & moras injectantem, cum vo-
 ta Civium Patriaeque discrimina, tum judicia
 REGINAE non saeculi modo sui sed omnium
 aetatum optimae perpulerunt denique, ut Sena-
 tus inferioris Princeps jam tertium lectus ad Cel-
 sissimum Ordinem vel serus ascenderet; inque
 titulos VERORUM Oxonii quondam Comi-
 tum & MORTIMERORUM Baronum de
 Wigmore, quos sibi consanguineos in stemmate
 recenset, non alienus adscisceretur. Neque ve-
 ro Sanguinis tantum, sed & Doctrinae causa
 aequum erat; ut ab Urbe bonis literis Musis-
 que consecrata Ipse omnium literatorum Decus
 & Tutela cognomen suum duceret. Jam autem
 quam tu Tuo mirificam sive Caesaris seu Pa-

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valuable. For to begin with the external Goods of Fortune, I mean his Pedigree and Family; 'tis well known, that our HARLEY, as well as your MÆCENAS, deriv'd his Original from an Equestrian Stock, and a Family of the first Rank for Splendor and Antiquity. It had its Rise from Ancient Kings, and was at the Head of Armies many Ages ago, both at Home and in Foreign Countries; which by an almost uninterrupted Glory, was not only allied to the noblest Families of these Nations; but likewise gave Noblemen of the Name of HARLEY to *France* (part of the Family having chang'd their Seat and Climate) where they have been ever since as Illustrious for Arms as for Letters. Your MÆCENAS indeed, being content to live within his Fortune, and rest in the Equestrian Order, was either unable or unwilling to rise higher: But the Wishes of his Countrymen, and the Dangers of his Country, as well as the Approbation of the *best of QUEENS*, forced our HARLEY against his Will, and doing every thing in his Power to hinder it, at last to ascend to the highest Order, after he had been thrice chosen Speaker to the House of Commons; and obliged him to take upon him the Titles which belong'd to him, of the VERE's, Earls of *Oxford*, and of the MORTIMER's, Barons of *Wigmore*, whose Blood ran in his Veins. And indeed it is but just, that he who is the Patron and Glory of all the Learned, should take his Title from a Town Consecrated to Letters and the Muses, as well upon the Account of his Literature, as of his Blood.

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trum Populive gratiam jure olim gratulatus es; cum, ut ex periculoso morbo recens convalescerat, tota cavea & orchestra laetum theatri ter crepuit sonum: Hunc Suae dicam an Humanae gentis amorem si & Nostro non minorem obtigisse dixerō; vel illa dies mihi testis erit, cum in ipsa Regia concilioque Procerum a scelestissimo omnium nec Britannae nationis ficario cultello percussus est: irritum quidem vulnere, sed haud dubie (nisi praesens Numen avertisset) letali ad praecordia futuro. Illa, inquam, dies, quam carus omnibus viveret, certissima dedit testimonia. Quo enim gemitu, qua hominum trepidatione, cum sancius ad penates suos lectica delatus est, primus ille nuntius accipiebatur? Qui erat civitatis habitus, qui singulorum animi; dum in arto diu salutis mortisque consilio (vix Sospitatore illo RADCLIVIO laetiora promittere auso) vita Illi dubia traheretur? Communi tum in uno capite periculo vel ab aemulis & adversariis veras voces eliciente. Qui vero Ipsius interea vultus, quam sui consimilis? & ad recentem ictum interritus, & ad lentam anticipemque curationem imperturbatus: tamquam vel non doleret vulnus, vel saltem ingens doloris pretium solatiumque secum ferret; cum Ipsius pectore feliciter est interceptum, quod (ut credere

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Now as you deservedly congratulated your MÆCENAS upon the wonderful Joy of CÆSAR, the Senate, and the People, when upon his Recovery from a dangerous Sickness, the whole Pit and Boxes gave a triple Clap; so if I should say, that the Love not only of this Nation, but even of all Mankind, appeared to have been no less for our HARLEY; that Day will witness for me, wherein he was stabb'd with a murdering Pen-knife by a most wicked Assassin, but no Briton, in the Royal Palace, in Council. 'Tis true, the Blow had not its design'd Effect; but doubtless the Wound had prov'd Mortal, if a present Deity had not interposed. That Day, I say, gave most undoubted Proofs how much his Life was valued by all; for when the News of his being carried Home in his Chair wounded was first heard, how did every Body groan and tremble; what a mournful Countenance did the whole City put on, and what a Concern sat on their Mind, whether he should die, or recover of his Wounds, and while Saviour RATCLIFFE himself durst not promise better Things? The common Danger which was then lodged in one Breast, forc'd the Truth even from his Enemies and Rivals. But how Serene was his Countenance all this while, and how like himself? He was intrepid when he receiv'd the Wound, and undisturb'd during the slow and uncertain Cure of it; as if the Wound had either not smarted, or at least brought a vast Reward and Consolation along with it to allay the Pain; because his Breast had intercept-

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pectus quandoque destinebatur. Ubi primum
vero incolumis ad curas publicas redibat; quo
Ille occurso, qua adclamatione, quibus votis omni-
nibusque, locis omnibus exceptus est? Quid no-
tas ea tempestate Principis voces, quid Senatus
totius gratulationes commemorem? In Annales
utique ituras, neque sic subito fortuitoque ser-
mone nobis delibandas. Porro autem quas tua
aetas in CILNIO naturae doctrinaeve dotes
veris olim laudibus in caelum ferebat; sublimem
& erectam indolem, ingenium demerendis homi-
nibus natum, vigore ac lenitate mixtissimum a-
nimum, maximarum curarum sub altissimae qui-
etis specie capacem, diversissima Reip. munia pa-
ri omnia facilitate felicitateque obeuntem, lite-
rarum denique cultum promptamque semper in
eruditos munificentiam; parce tandem, Horati,
metuere, ne ex illis, aut siqua illis majora sunt,
in HARLEIO quidquam desideres. Quippe
& Noster ad summa omnia natura formatus,
Patrisque optimi & sapientissimi praecep-
tis nutritus, jam a teneris ferme unguiculis ea Su-
documenta dedit; quibus tum protinus quantus
hodie est sperari ac praevideri potuerat. Quis
enim vel tui meique loci, quos illa bonae men-
tis Soror ad labores quosvis subeundos vel invi-
tos quondam impulit, tam assidue acriterque li-
beralibus.

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ed that which, in all likelihood; was design'd
 against the most Sacred Heart of the QUEEN;
 But when he return'd to the Publick Affairs
 again in Health, with what Crowds was he
 attended, with what Acclamations, what Wishes
 and good Omens was he received where-ever
 he went? I need not mention her Majesty's
 Expressions upon that Occasion, nor the Con-
 gratulations of both Houses of Parliament, they
 will be recorded in our Annals, and therefore
 shou'd not be related in this hasty and fortui-
 tous Discourse. Moreover, HORACE, those
 natural and acquir'd Virtues in MÆCENAS;
 which your Age extoll'd to the Skies, are as
 eminently, if not more conspicuous in our
 HARLEY; such as a sublime and upright Dis-
 position, a Genius form'd for gaining the Esteem
 of Men, a Mind admirably temper'd with a just
 Mixture of Vigour and Lenity, seeming to be
 employed in nothing amidst the most weighty
 Affairs, executing the different Offices of the
 Commonwealth with equal Facility and Suc-
 cess; and last of all, an Esteem for Learned
 Men, and a Bounty still ready to reward them.
 For our HARLEY having been framed by
 Nature for every thing that is Great, and
 brought up in the Precepts of the best and wisest
 of Fathers, gave such promising Pledges of him-
 self from his very Infancy, by which it might
 be hoped and foreseen how great a Man he
 should be at this Day. Who in yours or my
 Circumstances, HORACE, push'd on by Po-
 verty, against our Will, to undergo any Labours,
 ever applied himself to Study with so much Ea-
 gerness.

beralibus studiis dedit operam, quam Ille sponte in re Paterna tam praeclara & opulenta? Quis eorum, quibus id solum & negotio & victui est, tot quot Ille priscorum annualium volumina, tot leges, ritus, foedera, bella gentium pacesque, versavit manu memoriaque tenuit? Neque vero, quod in Tuo olim laudabas, utriusque modo linguae sermones edidicit; sed Latinis Ille Graecisque literis Hebraicas quoque junxit, raro utique in illa fortuna sanctoque instituto; quo & usque eo provectus est, ut difficilia aliquot Sacri Codicis loca ex Judaicis monumentis egregie illustraverit; quae tamen verecundus Sui aestimator in scriniis premit. Jam autem quid tibi ego Ejus indolem consuetudinemque praedicem? Ubi laetior severitas, aut gravitate temperatior comitas? Ubi pectus purius aut humilius; cui, nec aerugo malignitasve inolevit, neque contemtor ille animus commune nimis in tam alto fastigio malum? Quis aut prospera fert moderatius; aut, sicubi casu culpave aliena bene consulta male cesserint, adversa generosius? Quid fidem dicam & taciturnitatem; quid orationem suadendi dissuadendive semper potentem? Quid res pene dissociabiles; tam ad subita & acuta casuum velox ingenium, quam ubi in longinquum consulendum est cautum atque providum; tam probis candideque agentibus nudum

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gerneſs and Affiduity, as he did of his own Ac-
 cord, who was born to ſo noble and opulent a
 Fortune? Who among thoſe that are obliged
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 this, ever turn'd over, and fix'd in his Memory
 ſo many Volumes of Ancient Hiſtory, ſo many
 Laws, Customs, Leagues, Peaces and Wars of
 Nations, as he has done? Nor has he learnt
 only, what you praiſed of old in your *MÆCE-*
NAS, the Knowledge of both *Greek* and *Latin*;
 but to theſe hath added that of *Hebrew* like-
 wiſe, (a rare Example in one of ſo noble and ſo
 ample a Fortune!) and has made ſuch Progreſs
 in it, as to illuſtrate ſeveral difficult Paſſages of
 Holy Scripture from the Writings of the *Jews*,
 which out of his wonderful Modesty he locks
 up in his Cabinet. Now why ſhould I go a-
 bout to tell you of his Temper and Manners?
 Where will you find a better-natur'd Severity,
 or Good-breeding better temper'd with Gravity?
 Where can you find a more ſincere and kind
 Heart; where neither Envy nor Ill-nature
 dwells, nor a haughty Mind that contemns o-
 thers; an Imperfection too common with thoſe
 in ſo high a Station? Who bears Proſperity
 with more Moderation; or, if by Chance, or
 thro' the Fault of others, things well concerted
 happen to miſcarry, who bears Adverſity with
 more Reſolution? Wherefore ſhould I men-
 tion his Fidelity and Taciturnity, or his pow-
 erful Oratory, either to perſuade or diſſuade?
 Why ſhould I ſpeak of things almoſt incon-
 ſiſtent and incomparable, a quick Invention for
 ſudden and deſperate Caſes, and a wary and
 provident Temper, when things at a diſtance
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atque apertum, quam in versutos & veteratores rectissimum & tutum undique? Unum scire licet ad juvanda Principis onera quasi gentium & factum: qui legum jurisque patrii scientissimus idem & servantissimus, cum Principi imperii Vim, tum Civibus Libertatem publicam felici connubio junctas norit tueri. Quid porro quod tot negotia administrat otianti pene similis; sub tanta occupationum mole vultu vizaque tranquillus; & desperanda aliis agens, sine ulla ostentatione agendi. Quid quod remissionum horas & intervalla curarum, non Ille alea nec histrionibus ceterisque voluptatibus vulgi, sed elegante & erudito otio solet dispungere: teque, Flacce, identidem, nunc rheda iter faciens, nunc domi ad subsistiva temporum Sibi comitem evocabit. Postremo autem, quod pene ego primarium existimo, non tu hodie, ut olim Maecenatianam, in sterilem domum concesseris, & querelis repudiisque quotidianis turbidam; sed amore casto concordem, pulchraque prole florentissimam: ubi spectare tibi & audire dabitur Juventutis nostrae Principes, Britanniaeque spem geminam, EDVARDUM HARLEIUM Baronem de Wigmore, GEORGIUMQUE HAIUM Vicecomitem de Dupplin; ingenuarum virtutum ambos, animique & ingenii vel in prima lanugine adultos; Fortunae autem in

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are to be consider'd? As naked and open to the Honest and Candid, as he is close and reserv'd to Tricksters and Chicaners? He alone seems to have been born and form'd for bearing the Burdens of the Prince; he who is the best skill'd in the Laws and Rights of his Country; and is at the same time the most strict Observer of them; knowing how to maintain the happy Union between the Prerogative of the Crown, and the Publick Liberties of the Subjects. What need I mention his doing so much Business, at the same time that he appears to be Idle; his perfect Tranquillity under so great a Weight of Affairs, and his doing what would drive others into Despair, without the least Ostentation of Business? What need I to speak of his spending his vacant Hours, and the Intervals from Business, not at Gaming, or in the Play-house, or other Diversions of the Vulgar; but in a Polite and Learned Leisure? At such times he will call you to him, HORACE, sometimes to keep him Company in his Coach, and sometimes in his Closet, to pass away the time. But last of all, which I take to be the chief thing, you are not now to enter into a House that is barren, like MÆCENAS's, and confounded with Quarrels and daily Divorces; but into a House where Concord is the Effect of chaste Love, and which flourishes with a beautiful Offspring: Where you may see and hear the Chief of our Youth, and the two Hopes of Britain, EDWARD HARLEY Baron of *Wigmore*, and GEORGE HAY Viscount of *Dunblin*, both Ripe in noble Virtues, Sense and Wisdom even in their Youth, and abundantly fitted for

quam aluntur plusquam capaces; Illum tanto Parente, Hunc Socero dignissimum, qui & nunc tam ingenti Ejus imagine minime obscurantur. Neque vero id te retardet, quod in ea (pro dolor) tempora devenimus, ubi scissa dissensionibus odiisque communitate (per eos maxime qui ministros se & adjutores Partium venditant) non virtute amplius ac bonis artibus, sed clamoribus utrimque calumniisque certatur. Ut enim olim, licet in Bruti quondam castris Tribunus, Maecenatis Augustique gratiam tenuisti, nullo ea de causa frigore imminutam: ita nec Noster speculabitur, utrinque tu ex Partibus an ex neutris nunc adveneris; Ipse medius omnibusque aequus, & egregio Publico compescens hinc vel inde nimios factiososque; qui tumultuando adipisci flagitant, quae quiete & modestia jure sibi desperent; quive inita inter paucos potentiae societate ceteris omnibus ad honores adiutum intercludunt: pernicioso ambitu (nisi primus Is eat obviam matureque occurrat) vel in ultima gladiatorum aliquando erupturo. Sed haec paullo commotius: & meliora ominabimur. Tu vero, si Domus tibi, si Dominus, si Contubernales jam placent, i propere ac pede fausto, posteramque istam & recidivam laudem laetus capeffe. Vix dici potest, VIR PRAESTANTISSIME, quam his vocibus accensus gaudio-

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for the Fortune to which they are bred; the first most worthy of so great a Father, and the last of so great a Father-in-Law, who are not even at this Age obscur'd by his bright Example. Nor shou'd this discourage you, HORACE, that we are falln into those Times, in which the Community is torn with Factions and Hatreds, by those especially who call themselves the Reconcilers of Parties, and in which Noise and Calumny, not Virtue and Honesty, are the Weapons of the two contending Parties. For as of old, altho' you had once been a Tribune in Brutus's Camp, yet you found the Favour of AUGUSTUS and MÆCENAS not in the least cool'd towards you on that account; so our HARLEY will never mind whether you are of any, or of no Party; he himself being indifferent and just to all, and restraining the Hot and Factions of either side, for the publick Good, who expect to get by Disorders, what they justly despair of obtaining by Modesty and Peaceableness; or who by forming themselves into a Junto, consisting of a few Persons, stop up the Passage to Honours against every Body else. This is a Pernicious Corruption, and likely to break out into the utmost Violence, unless He stand in the way, and prevent it in time. But I speak with too much Warmth; and hope better things. In the meanwhile, if you are pleas'd with your Lodgings, your Master and your Chums, make haste, and good speed, and joyfully receive this late and newly recover'd Praise. It is hardly to be expressed, MOST EXCELLENT LORD, how much

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que delibutus Horatius, non gradu, sed cursu ad Te recta contenderit; adeo ut Commendatitias meas seu festinatione & studio sive sui fiducia neglexerit accipere. Tu tamen, sat scio, Ipsius quidem praecipuae, sed & Mea nonnihil gratia, cujus notas Emendationesque secum circumfert, in Tuorum cum numero habebis. Neque enim vereor, ne haec qualiacunque sunt Nostra Tibi isto nomine viliora sint, quod a Mei Ordinis homine profisciscantur. Ita nunc quidem quorundam importunitas totum gregem apud plerosque in invidiam adduxit: verum alia Tibi mens est, alia morum via: nam & omni vita antea & nunc cum maxime auctoritatem ac fidem verbo veteri facis, Qui bona fide DEUM colit, amat & SACERDOTES. Obtinebunt igitur & haec Nostra locum aliquem in Bibliotheca tua amplissima; qua (praeter parabiles illas Typographiae divitias) magno sumtu studioque collegisti vetustos omnium linguarum Codices MSSos Mille amplius & octingentos; atque incredibilem insuper Membranarum vim, cum quos Rotulos tum quas Chartas appellamus; quorum illi ad Mille reor & quingentis, hae ad tredecim Millium numerum facile assurgunt. Hic tibi instrumentorum veterum, partim in Urbe, partim rure in avitis aedibus Bramtoniae Castellum (quod ab EDVARDI usque I aetate per BRYANUM

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HORACE was warm'd at these Words, and seiz'd with Joy, so that he did not walk, but run to you; insomuch that either thro' Hastē, or Study, or Confidence of himself, he neglected to carry along with him Letters of Recommendation from me. But yet I am very well assured, that you will receive him into the Number of your particular Friends, chiefly for his own Sake, and in some measure on my account also, whose Notes and Emendations he carries about with him. For I am in no Apprehension that you will value my Performance the less, for coming from a Man of my Order. In reality, the Impertinence of some has brought the whole Herd of Us into Contempt with most People; but you are of another Mind; you have other Manners; For in your whole past Life, but more especially at this time, you make good that ancient Saying, *Qui bona fide Deum colit, amat & Sacerdotes*; *He who sincerely worships GOD, also loves PRIESTS*. I hope you will allow this Book, on which I have bestow'd my Labour, a place in your vast Library; which (besides Books that are easily purchas'd at the Booksellers Shops) consists of above eighteen hundred Manuscripts in all Languages, collected with great Costs and Pains, and an incredible Number of Parchments, part of which are Rolls, and part Charters, the former amounting, if I mistake not, to fifteen Hundred, and the latter to thirteen Thousand. This Treasure of antient Deeds is kept partly in Town, and partly in the Country in your Family Seat at *Brampton Castle*, which is come down from

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 laudabilis Tua luxuries, haec honesta avaritia
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BRYAN HARLEY in the Reign of EDWARD the First, to his late Posterity. It is augmented every Day, and had been much richer, unless to other Losses, thro' the Civil Wars in the last Century, in your Castles, Churches, Country Seats, and Woods, had been added the plundering of a very rich Library. Go on, MOST LEARNED LORD, to enlarge your Library; and continue to deserve well of all Antiquity, whose Remains you search for every where, and preserve as from Shipwreck. This is your laudable Luxury, this your commendable Avarice; this will not be the least part of your Praise, among so many notable Subjects of it in you; That herein you not only equal, but exceed the vast Houses, the miraculous Paintings, and monied old Age of others. Nor is it of Antiquity alone, but likewise of the present and future Ages, that you deserve above all Men living, and will continue to do so, unless (which were impious to say) you depart and degenerate from the Native Virtues of your Family, which having been formerly united in the strictest Friendship to that of the MORTIMERS, both by Proximity of Blood, and their Neighbourhood, and losing the greatest Part of its Patrimony by its Nearness to that Family, in whose Ruins it was in a great measure involv'd; yet in that low Condition it always produced excellent Generals in time of War, and Senators in time of Peace: For to go no higher, where can we find a wiser Senator than your Great-Grandfather THOMAS? To whose wholsom Counsels if JAMES I. had hearken'd, when he suffer'd

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THOMA Senatore sapientior? cujus si sanis o-
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& mentem commodasset, cum novae aulae leno-
ciniis a rectis tutisque abstractus ad prava &
ancipitia prolaberetur; non utique miseranda il-
la & nefanda accidissent, quae CAROLUS fi-
lius religiosissimus Princeps postea perpeffus est.
Ille vero, praesago jam tum futurorum animo,
non rebus se civilibus immiscere amplius voluit:
sed in agros se suos recipiens honestissimo in otio
literataque senectute octogenarius ibi vixit. In-
terea tamen Avi tui ROBERTI Militis de
Balneis praeclaris operis laboribusque immo &
periculis usa Patria est; quippe qui in conven-
tu Senatorum tum praesens agebat, cum perdi-
tissima conjuratorum manus Curiam ipsam co-
mitialem simul omni cum stirpe Regia & utri-
usque Ordinis flore ac robore tantum non jam
flammis involverat. Tum vero Parentem tuum
EDVARDUM, fortissimum & integerrimum
virum, quis satis digne prosequatur? de Bal-
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himself to be led aside by the Enticements of a new Court, from right and safe ways, and fell into evil and disallowable Courses, those sad and dismal things had never happened, which his Son CHARLES, a most Pious Prince, suffer'd afterwards. He, wisely foreseeing what was a coming, henceforth withdrew from Publick Business, and retreating to his Country Seat, liv'd there till the 80th Year of his Age in a most commendable Retirement, and learned old Age. However, in the mean time, the Industry and Labours, nay, and the Dangers of ROBERT, your Grandfather, Knight of the Bath, were useful to his Country; for he was in Parliament at the time when the cursed Band of Conspirators had almost involved in Flames the whole Senate, together with the Royal Family, and the Flower and Strength of the Nobility and Gentry. But then who is able to give due Praise to your Father EDWARD, a most valiant and upright Man, likewise Knight of the Bath, but refus'd the Nobler Title of Viscount that was offer'd him; being sufficiently conspicuous for his own Native Nobility? When he was made Governour of *Dunkirk* by CHARLES the Second, and found that that Town, which was very strong both by Nature and Art, was to be sold to the *French*; he first labour'd with all his Might in Parliament (in Opposition to the Court) and got the House of Commons to pass a Resolution, That it should never be alienated, but should be a Part of the King's Hereditary Dominions. Nor could he be prevail'd on afterwards, either by Threats or Promises, or even great Bribes, to quit his former Reso-

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ret. Praefectura igitur amotus, & successore sibi misso Britanniam reversus, id primum miranti regi exposuit, Quae in armamentariis & horreis & cetero apparatu habuerit, vel sola majoris esse quam quanti Ille integram urbem emptori addixerat: Tam deinde, non mediocrem numorum summam (decem millia pondo erant signati argenti) clam in subita obsidionis à se reservatam, & in arca illic ferrata relictam: hanc sibi Rex quamprimum advehi juberet, ne & ista Gallo tam quaestuosae mercaturae fieret accessio. Heu pietas, heu prisca fides! quantis exinde Dunkerkam proditam calamitatibus laimus? at Hujus si tum monitis obtemperatum fuisset; eam nobis opportunam hostibusque infestam penes nos stantem haberemus, quam excidendam mox fore soloque aequandam pene summa jam votorum & instar triumphi est. Consilii tamen plus mirer, an singularis & in exemplis hodie memorandae abstinentiae? Quam nullo negotio periculove ad se avertere potuit tam grandem pecuniam, eam Is recenti licet contumelia offensior insperatam & intactam Principi exhibuit. Nihil igitur novum & non Paternum, VIR GENEROSISSIME, vel in summa tua integritate atque innocentia dedisti nec sane ego innatam Tibi pecuniae contentionem, quantumlibet aliqui raram, in laudibus

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lution, and deliver up the Town. Therefore being remov'd from his Government, and returning into *Britain*, upon the Arrival of his Successor, he surpriz'd the King by telling him, that the Ammunition, Magazines, and other Provisions in that Place were more worth than he had sold the whole Town for; and then, that he had reserv'd a considerable Sum of Money (Ten thousand Pound) in case of a Siege, which he had left hid there in an Iron Chest: That the King ought to send for it the very first Opportunity, lest that Accession to their advantageous Bargain should fall into the Hands of the *French* likewise. *Hæu pietas; hæu prisca fides! Ab ætient Pietæ, ab ætient Faith!* How dearly have we since paid for the delivering up of *Dunkirk*! But if his Advice had then been taken, we should have had that Place in our own Possession, from whence we could conveniently have gall'd the Enemy; the sudden demolishing of which is now almost the Sum of all People's Wishes, and equal to a Triumph. Yet I am in doubt, whether most to admire his wise Counsels, or his singular, and at this Day, unexampled Abstinence. He gave that Sum of Money untouch'd to his Prince (though his Affront was yet fresh) which he could easily, and without any Danger, have kept to himself. You have not therefore, MOST GENEROUS LORD, in the very Height of your Integrity and Innocence, done any thing that's New, or that is not Paternal. Nor do I place your innate Contempt of Money, otherwise a rare Quality, among your Praises; for which, join'd with Prudence and Sagacity,

Tuis ponendam mihi censeo: qua tamen admirabili cum prudentia & sagacitate conjuncta id nuper consecutus es; ut Te unum Fisco Regio praesidere, sibi civitas omnis plenius quam Tibi gratuletur. Te certe Aerarii frena moderante, numquam deerunt vel in his Numariae rei angustiis paratae civium voluntates; quoad omnes lentissimi belli reliquiae prospere sepeliantur. Ecquando tamen, & en! umquam is dies illucescet, quo Europae per tot lustra in se collisae, neque proeliis solum sed & pestilentia exhaustae, laetissimus ille PACIS vultus affulgeat; majori jam viventium parti numquam conspectus? Enimvero in his armis justissime indutis, tam Principis auspiciis quam fide Sociorum, tam Ducum consiliis quam Militum virtute freti, felicem aliquando rerum exitum spe certa praecipimus. Quid mali tamen Ductoribus hostium non merito imprecemur? quibus etiam victis bellum utile est; qui in imperiis consensescere cupiunt quantumvis infelicibus; qui toties fusi ac fugati, castrisque & exercitibus atque urbibus exuti, certamen nihilominus trahunt, ut nobis vel vincendo damnosum, ita suis sibi que exitiabile. Sed bene habet, quod ad feram supplicandi confessionem redacti a Clementissima REGINA pacem tandem expetunt. Quicumque sane

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you were made High Treasurer, at which the whole Nation rejoices more on their own account than on yours. So long as you manage the Treasury, your Countrymen will not be wanting, even in this time of Scarcity, to advance Money, till what remains of a very tedious War be happily ended. But when shall that Day come, nay it shall ever come, wherein the joyful Face of Peace, (which the greatest part now alive never saw) shall shine upon *Europe*, which for so many Years has been beating it self to Pieces, and is exhausted not only with Battels, but likewise with the Plague? But we trust, from the Fortune of our Queen, and the Fidelity of our Allies, from the Conduct of our Generals, and the Bravery of our Soldiers, that this War, most justly enter'd into, will some time or other have a happy End. How much Reason have we to pray that the heaviest Curses may light on our Enemy's Generals, who find their Account in War, even when they are beat; who wish to grow old even in the most unsuccessful Commands; who, after having been so often vanquish'd and put to Flight, and beat out of their Camps, Intrenchments and Towns, do notwithstanding lengthen out the War, which, as it is hurtful to us, is destructive to them and their Country? But it is very well, that they are at last forc'd to beg Peace of our most Gracious Queen. Whoever considers the Fate of the *Peloponnesian* or *Punic* War (which is almost the only one that comes up to ours in Length) and the Persons who then arose on both Sides, who either out of a

Peloponnesiaci vel Punici belli (quae diuturnitate cum hoc nostro fere sola certare possunt) eventus secum exputet; Et exortos tum semper utrimque, qui aut prave pertinaces aut foede cauponantes coalescentem subinde pacem discuterent rumperentque, donec alterutrius demum partis vel internecione vel perpetua servitute sit debellatum: Is eandem hodie funestam fatalemque gentibus vecordiam jure extimescat; cum tam multos esse ubique videat, quibus longo usu jam Bellum negotiatio est, Et inter omnes pecuniarum vias quaestus uberrimus: his profecto vel aequissimis licet pactationibus quae tandem pax placere poterit? Accingere igitur, VIR SAPIENTISSIME, Et in hac ancipiti tempestate quicquid virium in pectore condidisti excute Et exprome. In Te omnium ora conversa sunt, in Te arrecta expectatio est. Haec momenta Te unicum Teque totum exposcunt. Hic Tibi utrimque pariter Et in diversa laborandum erit; ne qui nulla pace contenti erunt, utilissimam exturbent; neu (ut saepe alias) quorum arma vicerimus, eorum arte astutiaque in conditionibus vincamur. Tu vero utramque partem (neque vanum augurium est) plenissime exequeris; cum is sis, quem neque callidissimus ludificari queat, nec turbulentissimus de recto proposito dimovere. Adeste igitur bono cum omne, optatissimae Iani Calendae; dignus profecto dies,

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wicked Obstinacy, or for base Gain, always disconcerted and broke the Measures that were taken towards a Peace, till one Party was entirely ruin'd, and the other involv'd in perpetual Slavery; whoever, I say, will reflect on these Things, will see Reason to be afraid of that dismal and fatal Distraction, which all Nations at this Day are possess'd with; when he finds so many every where, to whom War, by long Practice, is become a Trade, and the sure Way of heaping up Treasures of Money. Now what Peace, I beseech you, even on the most advantageous Conditions, can please those Men? Set about that Work then, MOST WISE LORD, and exert your utmost Force and Skill in this dangerous Season. The Eyes of all Men are fix'd upon you, and their Expectation rais'd, These weighty Affairs call for you alone, and require your whole Strength. You must labour equally both ways at the same time, lest those who will be contented with no Peace, prevent the very best one; or lest (as it often happens) we be bubbled by the Cunning and Tricks of those, whom we have overcome in the Field. But if I am not mistaken in my Prophecy, you are perfectly fitted to prevent both, since the arrantest Trickster cannot deceive you, nor the most turbulent drive you from your upright Intentions. Thrice welcome then, thou most desired First of *January*! A Day truly worthy of the auspicious Beginning of a Congress appointed for so great an Affair; a Day from which we shall date the Happiness of this, and of the following Years; from which

dies, quo Conventibus de re tanta indictis aspiciatur detur exordium; quo totus ille & infrequentes anni feliciter faustaque decurrant; quo, in hac longa armorum serie res dudum desitae & sepultae, sua Populis quies, suis Literis honos, sua denique Commerciis praemia reintegrentur. Jam nunc fallor an clamores ego nauticos & ovantem strepitum audire mihi videor; jam rates navalibus diripiuntur; jam merces variae convolant & regnator omnium Pannus; Tua VIR MAXIME providentia Tuisque ventis ad Oceani sinus ultimos & graviora pretiosis metallis arva convolvendae. Ita quidem inique comparatum est; antiqua veneratione prosequimur, praesentia livore deprimimus: aderit tamen tempus, cum omnia omnium instituta pulcherrimum hoc Tuum reperit fulgore suo praestinguet: in quo cum omnia prorsus mirifica sunt nihil majus tamen admirari subit quam saluberrimam Πειθαρχίαν; qua & aere alieno fidem publicam liberaisti, idemque (quod homines sua sponte nunquam aggressi essent) ad Commerciorum incrementa Britannicaeque opes immensum olim augendas blandissima necessitate convertisti. Quid porro residuum est, nisi ut cum alios omnes jam longe post Te reliqueris, Tecum postea certamen instituas? En stadium, quod timide ingrediaris! En palmas quam difficillime auferas! Effice tamen, si poteris,

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which Peace shall be restor'd to the People, a just Value put on Learning, and lastly, great Gain got by Trade: Things that have been forgot and buried, in the Course of this long War. I fancy I now hear the Noise of Seamen, and their Triumphant Shouts; now I think I see the Ships drawn out of their Harbours; I think I see Merchandises of all kinds fly together, and the chief of all, our Cloth, to be carried under the Direction of your Providence, and of your Winds, to the most distant Shores, and to Countries abounding with Mines of precious Metals. Such is the unjust State of Things, that what is past is esteem'd and valu'd, and what is present is crush'd under the Load of Envy. But the Time will come, when this admirable Project of yours shall far outshine all the Inventions of others, that have gone before you. And as every thing in this Project is wonderful, so nothing in it is to be more admired than that salutiferous Credit, by which you have freed the Publick of Debt; which you have so managed as that it will turn to the vast Increase of Trade and Riches in *Britain*, by a most pleasing Necessity, which the People of themselves would not have undertaken. What then remains for you to do, but that, since you have left all Mankind vastly behind you, you now enter the Lists with your self? This is a Stage you have reason to be afraid to enter upon! This a Prize which it will be very hard for you to carry away! But endeavour, if you can, or if human Virtue is capable of it, to make your future exceed your past.

teris, siue humana virtus id recipit, ut praeterita Tua venturis exsuperes. Inque his, ut ad mea me sacra referam, respice oro rem Literariam; afflictam sane atrocitate licentiaque temporum, atque aegre admodum ex ingruentis barbariae diluvio caput fessum exserentem. Si quaeris subscribi statuis PATER ACADEMIARUM; si dicto Principis fidem imples, quo LITERATORUM FAUTOR, publice audivisti; haec Te cura quandoque tangat: haec edera inter olivas tuas circum tempora Tibi serpat. Sic Te Deus Opt. Max. domumque Tuam diu sospites conservet: sic quam hodie habes magnitudinem, illibatam ad sepulchrum sero deferas: sic Tuos Tibi superstites habeas, Filium ac Filias parvulosque duos ex filia Nepotes; quorum alter a matre adhuc dulce rubet, alter dimidiatis jam verbis Te Avum salutare gessit; festivi ambo amabilesque, & expressissima Parentum effigies; quique mira natalium felicitate materno genere STAFFORDOS Angliae, paterna HALOS Scotiae Constabularios complexi, id summi olim fastigii Vocabulum ex utroque sibi regno hereditarium ducunt. Vale, VIR NOBILISSIME, & feliciter rem gere. CANTABRIGIAE e Collegio S. TRINITATIS, MDCCXI sexto Idus Decembres, ipso HORATII die Natali.

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past Actions: And in the midst of your Affairs (that I may return to that wherein consists all my Religion) vouchsafe to look, I beseech you, on the State of Learning, that languishes under the Atrocity and Licentiousness of the Times, and is scarce able to lift up its Head in this Deluge of encroaching Barbarity. If you would have Statues erected for you, as a PATER ACADEMIARUM; If you would make good the Words of your Prince, when She publicly call'd you FAUTOR LITERATORUM, let the Interest of Learning be your Concern; let this Ivy twine about your Temples, in the midst of your Olives. So may Almighty God take you, and all your Family, under his Protection; and so may you late carry to the Grave with you that unsullied Greatness, which you have at this Day: So may your Children survive you, particularly your Son and Daughters, and your two little Grandsons by your Daughter, one of which is yet reeking red from his Mother, and the other with half form'd Words endeavouring to call you Grandfather: Both sprightly and lovely Boys, the most exact Pictures of their Parents; and who have this wonderful Felicity in their Birth, That they are descended, on the Mother's Side, of the STAFFORDS, Constables of *England*, and, on the Father's Side, of the HAYES, Constables of *Scotland*, and derive that Hereditary Name, which formerly was most honourable from both Kingdoms. From the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in *Cambridge*, in the Year MDCCXI, the 7th of December, *Horace's Birth-Day*.

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